

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: R.V. Bladen Attorney Docket No.: ENG121757  
Application No.: 10/804,573 Art Unit: 3679 / Confirmation No: 7077  
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Title: CONNECTION ASSEMBLY APPARATUS AND METHOD

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of July 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.

**Replacement/Annotated Drawings** are submitted herewith.

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